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In re application of : DECISION ON PETITION
Homer L. Spencer : TO MAKE SPECIAL
Application Number: 10/084986 : UNDER 37 CFR. 1.102(c)

Filed: February 27, 2002

For: SEALING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OIL AND GAS WELLS

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 19, 2002, under 37 CFR. 1.102(c) to make special the above identified application because of the age/health of the applicant. Since the requirements of the M.P.E.P Section 708.02 IV have been met, the petition will be GRANTED.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if Petitioner makes a prompt bona-fide effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the Examiner to accomplish this purpose.

Summary: Decision on Petition GRANTED.

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PLEASE DATE STAMP AND RETURN TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT
OF: Petition to Make Special, Declaration.

Date Mailed: August 9, 2002 Atty Docket: TES1210